

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly insert the new abstract as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

Abstract of the Disclosure

In a method for producing a target substance utilizing a microorganism comprising culturing the microorganism in a medium to produce and cause accumulateion of the target substance in the medium and collecting the target substance, there is used, as the microorganism, a mutant strain or a genetic recombinant strain constructed from a parent strain of the microorganism having a respiratory chain pathway of high energy efficiency and a respiratory chain pathway of low energy efficiency as respiratory chain pathways, and having either one or both of the following characteristics:

(A) the respiratory chain pathway of high energy efficiency is enhanced,
(B) the respiratory chain pathway of low energy efficiency is deficient.